

FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 42 USC 1973ff, "Title 1 - Registration and Voting By Absent Uniformed Services Voters and Overseas Voters in Elections for Federal Office."

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Your Social Security number and other identifying information is solicited for the sole purpose of verifying your identity so as to ensure that you are eligible to vote using the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot for general elections or other elections as provided by law or special provisions for all persons covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA).

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however failure to furnish your Social Security number or other requested information may result in the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot not being recognized and therefore not counted.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

Please read Privacy Act Statement and Instructions before completion. If you have any questions, consult your Unit Voting Assistance Officer or Embassy/Consulate Voting Assistance Officer or the *Voting Assistance Guide*.

1. Complete, sign and date the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation as follows:

VOTER INFORMATION.

Enter information for 1.a. through 1.e. For Block 1.d., provide identification form and number of that form. For example: passport 0000, State Department 0000, driver's license 0000 (give State and date of issue), or birth certificate 0000 (give county or state of issue).

VOTING RESIDENCE.

Block 2. Enter complete legal voting residence address, in as much detail as possible, where you **ACTUALLY LIVED**. Your right to vote in your state and determination of your voting precinct depend on the physical location of your residence while you were in the state. **DO NOT USE A POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER.** A Post Office Box number is not a residence address. In an area with street names and numbers, this information is required. In an area with no street names, indicate route name and number and box number. Also provide any additional information necessary to physically describe your residence location. This voting residence address must be the same as the voting residence on the application you previously submitted for your regular absentee ballot.

CURRENT COMPLETE MILITARY OR OVERSEAS ADDRESS.

Block 3. Enter information which indicates your physical location outside the United States. APO/FPO addresses are considered to be outside the United States. Some states allow you to mail this ballot from inside the United States. Consult your state pages in the *Voting Assistance Guide*. **This address must be different from the address in Block 2.**

WITNESS(ES).

Some states require a notary or witness(es) for absentee ballots. Consult your Voting Assistance Officer or the Voting Assistance Guide to determine the requirements of your state.

2. Complete the Ballot as follows:

a. **Voting Procedure:** For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. President and Vice President run as a team and your vote must be for members of the same party. For other offices, you may vote for members of different parties for each office indicated. "Senator" means U.S. Senator; "Representative" means U.S. Congressman or Congresswoman. See *Voting Assistance Guide* for Special Provisions implemented by your state, and possible use of "ADDENDUM" section.

b. Once ballot is complete, fold and place in a plain envelope and seal. Label the envelope as follows: "Official Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot/Security Envelope". **PLACE ONLY THE VOTED BALLOT IN THE SECURITY ENVELOPE.**

c. Sign and date the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation. Obtain witness(es) signature and address if required by state law.

3. Insert the sealed Security Envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into a mailing envelope and seal.

4. If mailed in a foreign postal system, international airmail postage must be affixed. If mailed within APO/FPO or U.S. postal system, a postage paid indicia may be printed onto your mailing envelope from the FVAP web site at <http://www.fvap.gov>. Otherwise, proper postage must be affixed. Enter your name and current complete military or overseas mailing address in the upper left hand corner as your return address on the mailing envelope. Enter the name and mailing address of the proper city, township, village, county or state election official in the center section on the mailing envelope. Consult the *Voting Assistance Guide* for correct address. This must be the same election official where you sent your application for an absentee ballot. **NOTE:** Mark outside envelope "Official Absentee Ballot".

VOTER'S DECLARATION/AFFIRMATION

General Information. Enter state, county, city/township/village where you are eligible to vote.

Ballot for the State of _____ County of _____ City/Township/Village of _____

1. VOTER INFORMATION

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i>	b. SEX	c. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ____
d. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER <i>(Passport or other ID Card)</i>		e. DATE OF BIRTH <i>(MMDDYYYY)</i>

2. VOTING RESIDENCE *(For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in county/jurisdiction in U.S.)*

a. NUMBER AND STREET <i>(If rural route, include specific location of residence. Do not use Post Office box.)</i>		b. CITY, TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE	
c. COUNTY OR PARISH	d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE <i>(9-digit, if known)</i>	f. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY <i>(MMDDYYYY)</i>

3. CURRENT COMPLETE MILITARY OR OVERSEAS ADDRESS

4. I SWEAR OR AFFIRM, UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT:

a. I am a United States citizen, and eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction (Item 2).	e. I have not received the requested ballot.
b. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, if required by state law.	f. I understand that if my regular absentee ballot is received by the local election official in time to be counted, that ballot will be counted and this write-in ballot will be voided.
c. I am not registering, requesting a ballot or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.	g. I have voted and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of this ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or Federal law. I have not been influenced.
d. My application for a regular absentee ballot was mailed in time to be received by the local election official 30 days prior to this election, or this requirement has been waived by appropriate authority.	h. I have mailed this ballot from outside the United States, or my state has made special provisions to allow me to mail this ballot from inside the U.S.
i. The information on this form is true and complete.	

WITNESS(ES) SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS <i>(If required by law)</i>	APPLICANT SIGNATURE <i>(Sign here)</i>	DATE SIGNED <i>(MMDDYYYY)</i>
	X	

INSTRUCTIONS TO ELECTION OFFICIALS

This is an official Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) authorized by 42 USC Section 1973ff-2.

- Upon receipt of this ballot, examine the voter's declarations. If it appears that the voter is eligible to vote in your jurisdiction and has applied in a timely fashion for a regular absentee ballot, or this requirement has been waived by appropriate authority, then this ballot is valid unless you receive the voted regular absentee ballot in time for it to be counted. This ballot should be handled in the same manner as required by state law for other absentee ballots. If this ballot is to be counted, deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box without examining the voter's choices.
- The oath on this ballot is self-executing and need not be notarized or witnessed, unless required by state law.
- Unless provided by law, or special provisions have been made, this ballot should not be counted if:
 - It was submitted from within the United States (an APO/FPO address is considered outside the U.S.); or
 - This voter's application for a regular absentee ballot was received by you less than 30 days prior to the election; or
 - This voter's completed regular absentee ballot was received by you by the state deadline for receipt of absentee ballots; or
 - This ballot is not received by the state deadline for receipt of voted absentee ballots.

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

U.S. SENATOR(S)*

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE**/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER**

* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.

** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands may vote only for non-voting Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

ADDENDUM

Some states allow the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas civilian voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult your state section in the *Voting Assistance Guide* to determine your state's policy. *If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices/candidates other than those listed above*, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.), and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.

OFFICE

CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION

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